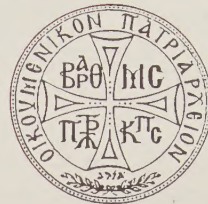




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TEIA NURIS NAMED MOTHER OF THE YEAR

It was a fabulous "Spring-time in the City," the theme for this year's 44th annual Mother's Day Luncheon and Fashion Show, Saturday, May 10, sponsored by the Annunciation Cathedral Philoptochos Society. The program, the fashions, the food, the decor, all just a cut above...done in good taste and with that special Annunciation style.

Just after **Angie Leventis**, president of the Philoptochos, opened the event with words of greeting, **Father Stephen** proclaimed **Teia Nuris**, 2003 Mother of the Year. (The Mother of the Year, as well as the Woman of the Year, named on March 25th, and the Father of the Year, named on Father's Day, is elected by secret ballot by the Philoptochos Board. Father Stephen then makes the announcement, on behalf of the Philoptochos and the Annunciation Cathedral Community.) Below is Teia's bio, which was read in part at the Mother's Day Luncheon and Fashion Show:

Teia Nuris was born May 13th, 1930, in San Francisco, and was the first child of **Arsenios** and **Anna Tamaras**. Her father was a tailor who worked at fine men's clothing stores and her mother was a homemaker who managed their home and raised Teia and her younger sister, **Lula**. The Tamaras family lived modestly in the Richmond District and occupied a small one bedroom apartment, which meant that Teia and Lula grew up sharing a Murphy wall-bed in the living room.

Teia attended **Cabrillo Grammar School**, **Presidio Junior High School**, and graduated from **Washington High School**. When in high school, she earned extra money by babysitting, working in a "five

and dime" store as well as at the **Emporium**. After high school, she was employed as a secretary at **California Physicians Service/Blue Shield**.

Teia and **Lula** grew up during the Great Depression and, although money was tight, their parents always provided them with what they needed but, most importantly, raised them around the Church and with many friends. Teia attended Sunday School and Greek School and sang in the choir at Annunciation. When she was 18, Teia met the "man of her dreams," **Manuel Nuris**, who had just gotten out of the Army and was attending the University of San Francisco. Four years later, when Manuel graduated, the couple was married at the Annunciation and, a year later, had their first child, **Tom**.

Manuel supported his young family as an employee of **California Physicians Service/Blue Shield**, where he worked for a total of 42 years. When Tommy was four, he was joined by his sister, **Annamarie**. The family lived in San Francisco for 10 years, next door to Manuel's parents and sister, **Anna Nuris Sanguinetti** and, in 1962, they bought their home in **Daly City**. While the children were in school, Teia worked for 17 years in the cafeteria program of the local elementary school district. Although she had to be at work early in the morning, she was off when the kids came home from school and had the summers off to be with the children. Some of her co-workers have become life-long friends.

Teia has always been involved at the Annunciation, helping in many ways and is a lifelong

member of **Philoptochos**, having served on its Board many times over the years. Teia and **Charlotte Derdevanis** operated the "White Elephant Booth" at the old Church Bazaars and, when our parish was at the **Bausch and Lomb Building**, she ran the "Bread Booth" during the early Food Festivals. Recently, she has operated the festival "Christmas Booth," selling ornaments and decorations, many of which she makes by hand and donates. Teia is also known for her hand painted "decorative plastic eggs," which she sells at her booth on Palm Sunday.

Together with **Gus** and **Charlotte Derdevanis**, 21 years ago, Teia co-founded the "Annual Crab Feed," which they co-chaired for many years. This dinner has turned out to be one of our parish's most successful and enjoyable fund-raising events, which always sells out and attracts more than 650 people from all over the Bay Area.

Family has always been Teia's most important priority. She and Manuel have watched their family grow to include their wonderful son-in-law, **Robert Balian** and wonderful daughter-in-law, **Liberty Spachis Nuris**. They are especially proud of their five beautiful grandchildren: **Nicole** and **Nicholas Balian**, and **Manoli**, **Andrew** and **Matthew Nuris**. Approximately twenty years ago at the Mother's Day Luncheon and Fashion Show, the Tamaras/Nuris/Ossipoff Family gathered at a similar luncheon which honored as "Mother of the Year" **Yiayia Anna Tamaras**. It is therefore even more meaningful as Teia follows in her mother's footsteps by receiving this honor on this day.

- Axia!

PHILOPTOCHOS ELECTS NEW BOARD; OFFICERS FOR 2003-2005

At its election meeting held May 20, the Cathedral Philoptochos elected their new board for 2003-2004. They thereafter convened and elected their officers for this two-year term. The officers and board are as follows: **Angie Leventis**, President; **Patricia Destein**, 1st Vice President; **Georgia Vouchilas**, 2nd Vice President; **Helen Markanton**, Corresponding Secretary; **Ackie Argyres**, Recording Secretary; **Anna Dricos**, Treasurer; **Patricia Aleck**, Assistant Treasurer; **Connie Panagotacos White**, Advisor (Past President); **Toula Angelopoulos**, **Mariam Arsinoos**, **Nan Cusulos**, **Yota Gofas**, **Despina Kokalis**, **Mary Mires**, **Anne Mountanos**, **Helen Nicklas**, **Teia Nuris**, **Tessie Obester**, and **Rose Sogotis**, Board Members.

The new board will be sworn in at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, June 15.

Congratulations to all the new Board members and also the elected officers. We wish them well in attaining their objectives in the next two years.

FATHER'S DAY AND THE PROCLAMATION OF FATHER OF THE YEAR

Father's Day this year coincides with the Sunday of Pentecost on June 15th. Pentecost for the Jews marked the fiftieth day of their journey, from Egypt, where they had been slaves, to Sinai, where they received the Ten Commandments. Pentecost for Christians marks the fiftieth day following the Resurrection. On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples, empowering them and enabling them to go out into the world and preach the Gospel. Pentecost is the Birth Day of the Church. What a wonderful coincidence that we can honor our fathers on this day.

The Philoptochos, whose newly elected Board will receive its oath of office at the conclusion of the

Liturgy, will offer a wonderful light lunch, in the context of the coffee hour, as we proclaim our 2003 Father of the Year. Plan to be with us.

PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD; NOMINATING COMMITTEE, BOARD OF ELECTIONS ELECTED

At the Parish Assembly held May 21, the above-mentioned committees were formed. The Nominating Committee, which will present a slate of candidates for Parish Council at the November 19 Parish Assembly, consists of: **Anne Mountanos**, **Pat Destein**, **Helen Markanton**, **Maria Georgiou** and **Annette Chiappari**.

The Board of Elections, which will prepare the ballots and oversee the elections, which will be held December 14, is comprised of **Andrew Vellis**, **Ted Leventis**, and **Philip Chiappari**.

STEWARDSHIP IN A BAD ECONOMY

By now, our sluggish economy has affected most of us in one way or another. We either know people who have lost their jobs or we have lost them ourselves. The generous cash flow that graced our lovely City a few years ago has been replaced with "For Rent" signs, Unemployment lines and blocks of empty office space. Although there are signs that things are improving, the progress is slow and comes with Orange Alerts and news of an unsettled world. We receive our pledge cards from Annunciation Cathedral in the mail along with electric bills and loans that we fear we might not be able to pay next month. We get calls to volunteer at church, but we're worried and anxious and a little depressed because life seems so uncertain. Our response might be to pull back, hang onto what we have and wait to pledge or volunteer when life gets better again. The answer for us as Christians, however, is better served if we remember to open our hearts and give all that we can, especially during times like

these.

To begin with, on its most basic level, giving to our Church all but guarantees that our wonderful Cathedral will always be here for us, providing a refuge of comfort and support to our families and loved ones no matter what is happening in the outside world. Giving money to the church, to help maintain it, means that the lights will always be on and our children's souls will be nourished because they have a safe place to play with one another and learn the values that are most meaningful to us.

Moreover, giving our time, talents and resources now means that we are facing our struggles as Christians by living in faith and not in fear. We are not dwelling in the anxiety of things that we can't control; rather, we are coming together as a community and doing what we can. We are remembering our common belief that God has a greater plan for us and our only "real" job is to love and care and give to one another. We are putting our faith in front of us and looking forward to the blessed times ahead.

So even as our economy labors along, your Stewardship Committee will continue to urge you to give of yourself in any way possible. With all the monetary risks many of us took during the boom years, to put stock in maintaining Annunciation Cathedral and our way of life, especially during unstable times, is an important and sound investment with dividends that we will all see for many years to come.

Susan K. McLaughlin
Committee Member

STEWARDS: THOSE WHO SUPPORT (IN ANY ECONOMY)

Their numbers keep growing and growing. Following is a list of additional members, who have pledged their support for the Cathedral:

Angelopoulos, M/M John
Arvantely, Peter T.
Calofonos, M/M John
Chase, Toula & Darrell
Clessuras, James G.
Davies, Mitchell and Ethel
Drolapas, M/M Themis

Economopoulos, Nancy & Philip
 Fragadakis, Charalambos & Marianthe
 Franco, M/M Michael
 Garcia, M/M Daniel
 Garepis, Demece
 Giannakaras, Ourania
 Gomoziias, Constantine & Heidi
 Haras, Louis & Panagiota
 Katakis, Dimitrios
 Keramari, M/M Demetrios
 Kolokithas, Aristotle & Janine
 Koulos, Eva Paul
 Loizos, Lea
 Loufas, M/M John
 Lucas, James
 Matsangou, Maria
 Mavroudis, M/M Tasso B.
 Monfried, Victoria & Ian
 Novo, Dustin & Chrisula
 Panagiotopoulos, George & Demetra
 Paras, Helen
 Pezo, Christine & Lester

Picras, Theodore & Caroline
 Poulakidas, Jennifer
 Rakos, Irene
 Rodatos, Loys & Constantine
 Scourkes, Dr/M Theodore
 Skinas, M/M Kosmas
 Sogotis, M/M Paul
 Taylor, M/M Edward
 Truog, M/M Michael
 Tzortzis, M/M James
 Vasilogiorgis, Foula

We thank you for your support. We also thank our Stewards for taking seriously the notion of supporting the work of the church. Anyone can give; whether they give a large amount or a small amount is immaterial. But it takes a steward to support. Support includes giving. But is also means being there. It means involvement in the worship and in the work of

the Church. It means making time. It means defending the church and the faith. It means making a difference. It means passing striving to remain true. It means passing on the legacy. It means, in a word, doing unto others what He has done for us.

Oops. Oops! For some reason, last month's *Herald* listing of stewards omitted **Bessy Xepoleas and Vasiliki Pappas**. It was not the result of formatting, as happened the month before. In any case, accept our sincerest apologies for the omission. Both Bessy and Vasiliki are among the first to pledge their support, year after year. At the same time, please accept our sincerest thanks. It shows that you read your *Herald*.

Thank you for bringing these things to our attention.

LOOKING AHEAD

Please make note of the following parish and community events. Note that the IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities) Dinner, scheduled for November 2, is being moved to November 23, to enable His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios to attend. His Eminence will be the main speaker at this event.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Thursday, June 12	12 Noon	Bus Tour (Philoptocos) Contact Cecelia Caswell 510/278-5260
Sunday, June 15	12 Noon	Announcement "Father of the Year" Philoptochos Board Oath of Office
Thursday, June 19	12 Noon	Bus Tour (Philoptochos) Contact Bill Campbell 415/956-1765
August 1-August 4		Cathedral Summer Camp
Friday, August 15	12 Noon	Philoptochos sponsors Coffee Hour
Friday, September 19 through Sunday, September 21	10 am through 10 pm	-A TASTE OF GREECE/ ANNUNCIATION'S GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL
Saturday, October 18	TBA	-Diocese event featuring Jaroslav Pelican and new iconography
Wednesday, November 19	7 pm	-Second 2003 Parish Assembly
Sunday, November 23	5 pm - Vespers 6 pm - Silent Auction 7 pm - Dinner	-IOCC DINNER
Sunday, December 27	TBA	-HOLIDAY BALL - to benefit the Cathedral's Building Fund
Sunday, January 11, 2004	12 noon	Vasilopeta
Friday, January 23, 2004	6 pm	Crab Feed (Philoptochos)

FOCUS ON YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We have had a busy school year and we concluded Sunday, June 8th with a final lesson. After the Divine Liturgy, we celebrated our children's achievements with a graduation ceremony and a special surprise. The students were awarded special pins based on attendance and number of years. They also received promotional slips and a special free luncheon immediately following graduation and the awarding of certificates.

Currently, plans are underway for the upcoming school year. We begin Sunday, September 7, 2003. At this time, discussion is going on (discussion only) about perhaps beginning Sunday School at 11:30 a.m., immediately following communion, rather than at 10:30 a.m., before communion and during Liturgy. Classes would conclude at 12:30, giving both parents and children the opportunity to participate in coffee hour. This will enable families to participate in the Divine Liturgy together as families. It will benefit both the children, who will now be involved in the Liturgy, as well as in Sunday School, and will give the adults who teach our youth the opportunity to go to church, be a part of the Liturgy, and to be in church for the sermon. Do you have an opinion one way or the other? We would like to hear from you. Please contact **Denise Yeilding**, our principal, with your comments, by calling her at 415 585-5883.

At this time, we are in NEED of filling three (3) positions (last month it was four, so we're getting there!). These positions are for two assistants and one co-teacher. Let me assure you, nothing is more fulfilling than spreading the Word of God by teaching our young. Search within and see whether you have that special gift of teaching. Please step up and avail yourselves of this opportunity. Call **Denise Yeilding**, at 415 585-5883 or **Father Stephen**, at 415 864-8000.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday School will sponsor an **Appreciation Luncheon for Effie and Andrew Vellis on Sunday, September 7, 2003** (opening day of Sunday School). Proceeds from this event will benefit the Building Fund.

KUDOS TO OUR GRADUATES

The word "kudos" is--you got it--a Greek word. In Greek, it is pronounced kee-dos. It means praise in the sense of congratulations. And, so, kudos to our high school graduates. We have nine of them, so far as we can determine, and they are as follows:

Curtis Crittendon, graduating from Terra Nova Hi School
Michael Garibaldi, graduating from Serra High School
Clarence Hagos, graduating from Galileo High School
Maria Kalligeros, graduating from Wallenberg High School
Christina Ketchum, graduating from Mercy High School
Musfin Kristian, graduating from Galileo High School
Dinelo Ramos, graduating from Terra Nova High School
Suzy Soloman, graduating from Galileo High School
Lea Stavarakas, graduating from Terra Nova High School

There are also a number of others, who have grad-

uated from primary or other schools. We congratulate them as well. *Kudos, kali proodo, kai o Theos mazi sas.* (Congratulations, to a good future (literally good progress), and may God be with you.)

ANNUNCIATION SUMMER CAMP

Annunciation Cathedral's 4th Annual Family Camping Trip will take place August 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, 2003 at the Casini Ranch Family Campground on the Russian River. As in past years, campers and their families will experience the beauty and excitement of California's north coast at this camp site, nestled on the historic Russian River. Here, hiking, bicycling, volleyball, softball, horseshoes and fishing will be enjoyed, as well as relaxation along the river in a canoe or by the beach.

Because the camp is taking place in August, Father Stephen will be able to visit on one or more occasions. Following the celebration of the *Paraclesis*, or Service of Consolation, at the Cathedral (this service is celebrated Monday through Friday, during the first 15 days of August, at 10 a.m.), Father Stephen will visit the camp site and celebrate the service there.

Space is, of course, limited. Reservations, therefore, are on a first come, first serve basis. For a family of 2 persons, the cost is \$220; for 3 persons it is \$240; for 4 persons it is \$260; and for 5 persons it is \$280. There is a 1 tent limit per family. The above prices include all meals, but not the tent. Reservations and fees are due by July 11, 2003. For reservations and information, please call: **Ari Stratakis**, Days: 650 737-0430; Evenings: 650 588-5072.

SUMMER CAMP AT ST. NICHOLAS

There will be two sessions of summer camp at St. Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center: July 13-19 and July 20-26. For information and to download application forms, log onto the Ranch's website, www.stnicholasranch.org. Or, contact the Ranch at 559 338-2103.

IONIAN VILLAGE-FAR BUT NOT-SO-FAR

Ionian Village is a summer camp setting along the Ionian Sea, owned and operated by the Archdiocese of America. Its summer programs are usually sold-out well in advance. Therefore, if you are interested in considering Ionian Village for your children, or for yourself, we recommend that you inquire early.

Ionian Village operates three programs:

1. A Summer Travel Camp, for 7th-9th grades, June 30 - July 17
2. Byzantine Adventure, 10th-12th grades, July 23 - August 9
3. Spiritual Odyssey, Ages 19-30, July 13 - July 28.

Each of these programs affords the participant the opportunity of visiting historical sites throughout Greece, in addition to the program at the Village itself. The Cathedral office has some brochures describing these programs in detail. Or, if you prefer, visit the web site at www.ionianvillage.org, or contact Ionian Village at (646) 519-6190 or via email at ionianvillage@goarch.org.

LOUIS PAPONIS: A PROFILE

In the last issue of the Herald, we noted that Louis Paponis, a member of the Annunciation Cathedral, who had provided his services as Funeral Director, to the Annunciation Cathedral community and the community at large, retired after fifty years. He was founder and owner of Mission Chapels Funeral Service. We asked Lou for some thoughts or reflections, which could serve as a reminder to his contemporaries, but also inspire future generations. This is what he had to say:

Five years ago, my wife and daughter began to talk to me about retiring from my beloved funeral business. "What, retire? ME? I could never retire." And so it went, year after year. I even began to think about it. And every year I heard myself saying, "yes, this year I will retire." But didn't. Finally, so much began happening in my private life that moving into retirement became a reality. And so I retired...after 50 years, on December 31, 2002.

I regret being out of that special "loop" in the Greek community. Over the years, I have been privileged to know so many Greek families. Many of these families I have known since my early childhood in San Francisco. Others, I have met along the way. They all became my friends. Many allowed me the honor to serve them at the time of family deaths. I must tell you, however, that watching old and new friends pass on has been very difficult for me. Yet, Mission Chapels was the business of death and burials. I truly feel that the Lord above appointed me to this career. Serving people when they take this turn in their lives was a natural for me.

My life began 80 years ago in Los Angeles, the second son of Steve and Dina Paponis. We moved to the Bay Area in 1931, when my father took work as a butcher working for various markets in San Francisco. We were members of Holy Trinity when it was on 7th Street and, later, became members of the Annunciation Cathedral, where I have continued to be a member. At that time, we lived in the Eureka Valley.

The Depression was a difficult time for all of us. But my brother and I found work selling newspapers and working as clerks and delivery boys for several grocery stores in town. I had been active in the ROTC at Commerce High School and, when World War II broke out, I gladly enlisted in the US Army Air Force to serve my country. The injuries I suffered while in combat as a result of stepping on a land mine brought me back home. I had already served four years.

While recovering from my injuries, I trained in the manufacturing of plastics and opened my own shops, Plastic Palace and Enterprise Plastics. The day I attended the funeral of my dear father, I realized that my life could be dedicated to others in their difficult times, and so Mission Chapels of Pappas, Buzolich and Paponis was created at 435 Valencia Street. Then years later, I was able to buy out my partners and continue on alone as Mission Chapels.

In the early days of my career as a funeral director, I was able to offer to the Annunciation Philoptochos Society no-cost funeral services for the Greek indigents they were helping. When the costs exceeded my ability to keep costs down, I advised the Society how it could receive free services through the San Francisco College of Mortuary Science and the San Francisco Public Guardian and at no cost to the Cathedral.

Many people will remember the huge oil painting I had commissioned for the main chapel at Mission Chapels. It was of Christ in the garden of Gethsemane and it stretched from one side of the chapel to the other. I recall people admiring the painting and asking me to promise to have their own funeral services under the painting.

One of the highlights of my life came when I was asked to be a part of the weekend when Archbishop Iakovos

came to San Francisco for the Enthronement of then Bishop Anthony. I had the thrill of meeting the Archbishop at the airport and, the next day, taking both him and Bishop Anthony to the Annunciation Cathedral for the Enthronement ceremony.

Today, in retirement, I find myself active in my home Atherton community. I am on the Board of Directors of the Atherton Civic Interest League and a member of the Town of Atherton Transportation Sub-committee. Along with my wife, Marguerette, we are members of the neighborhood advisory group to Menlo School and to Menlo College as they move ahead in redesigning their campuses. I have been appointed Coordinator of Memorial Services for deceased veterans at the Veteran's hospitals in Palo Alto, Menlo Park and Livermore. And I have been able to spend time around our home building various structures like the garden shed Marguerette has asked me to build for her for the past five years. I especially enjoy running down to our daughter Dena's new home in Altadena and helping her to remodel. Life after Mission Chapels is really pretty good.

People still say to me, even today, "You can't retire. We need you." And I reply, "it's time to stop and smell the roses before they put them on top of me."

I want to say thank you to so many I have had the privilege to work with over these past 50 years: my many Greek friends, the wonderful clergymen and their staffs, the Philoptochos Societies and the church volunteers and so many more. You have all rounded out my life to give me the true meaning of the "good life." I am indeed grateful

Herald note: We are grateful, Lou. God bless you and your family, and keep you among us for many years. *Axios!*

RECENT SERVICES AT THE CATHEDRAL

BAPTISMS

Anastasia Olga, child of Demetrios Jim Peter Rakos and Kelly Donna Koutoufas, was baptized on May 3. Her sponsors are Constance Paris and Odysseus Berouklis.

Andrew Costas, child of Costas A. Vellis and Meena M. Mykris, was baptized on May 3. His sponsors are Rudolph Karzmar and Christine Karzmar.

Henok Tesfay, son of Tesfay T. Gebremichael and Selamewit Beyene, was baptized on May 17. His sponsor is Samson Tesfamariam.

Nicholas Kiriakos, son of Aristotle Charles Kolokithas and Janine Wertheimer, was baptized on May 31. His sponsors are Steven and Elli Kavros.

Adian Alexander, son of Steven George Kolokithas and Marguerite Nicole Pence, was baptized on May 31. His sponsors are Timothy and Cynthia Mattis.

MARRIAGES

The marriage of Christopher Constantine Afendulis and Claudine Gay was blessed on May 24. Their sponsor is James C. Afendulis.

The marriage of Evangelos Peter Dekaristos and Maria Papadakis was blessed on May 31. Their sponsor is Anastasios Mavroudis.

Na Mas Zisoun!

FUNERALS

Michelle Marie Davies, who died May 17, was buried May 22. Next of kin are her father and mother, Michael and Rosemarie Davies.

Helen Frances Nichols, who died May 26, was buried May 30. Next of kin is her brother, Nick Christopoulos.

Angelo James Pappas, who died May 26, was buried May 30. Next of kin is his wife, Mary Pappas.

Aionia afton i mnimi! May their memory be eternal!

ΝΕΑ ΤΟΥ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΣΜΟΥ

Η ΕΥΣΤΡΑΤΙΑ ΝΟΥΡΗ, ΜΗΤΕΡΑ ΤΟΥ ΕΤΟΥΣ

Στη γιορτή της μητέρας, που οργάνωσε η Φιλόπρωχος Αδελφότητα στην αίθουσα του Καθηδρικού Ναού το Σάββατο, 10 Μαΐου, ονομάστηκε "Μητέρα του Έτους 2003" η Ευστρατία Νούρη, γνωστή σε όλους ως συνδιοργανωτής του δείπνου "ο κάβουρας" που δίνει η Φιλόπρωχος κάθε χρόνο τον Ιανουάριο. Η κ. Νούρη έχει δύο παιδιά, τον Θανάση και την Άννα Μαρία, και πέντε εγγόνια. Χρηματίζει μέλος του συμβουλίου της Φιλοπρωχού. Ο δε Θανάσης χρημάτισε πρόεδρος του Κοινοτικού μας Συμβουλίου επί 6 χρόνια.

Η ΦΙΛΟΠΡΩΧΟΣ ΕΚΛΕΓΕΙ ΣΥΜΒΟΥΛΙΟ, ΠΡΟΕΔΡΙΟ

Στις 20 Μαΐου η Φιλόπρωχος Αδελφότητα εξέλεξε νέο προεδρίο για τα επόμενα δύο έτη, 2003-2005. Τα νέα αυτά μέλη θα ορκισθούν μετά την Θεία Λειτουργία την Κυριακή 15 Ιουνίου, που εφέτος τελούμε και την Πεντηκοστή και την Ημέρα του Πατέρα. Το Συμβούλιο έχει ως ακολούθως: Πρόεδρος, Αγγελική Λεβέντη, Αντιπρόεδρος, Πετρούλα Ντεστίν, Δεύτερη Αντιπρόεδρος, Γεωργία Βουτση-λά, Γραμματέας, Ελένη Μαρκα- ντώνη, Δεύτερη Γραμματέας, Ακριβή Αργυρή, Ταμίας, Άννα Δρίκου, Βοηθός Ταμίας, Πανα- γιώτα Αλεξοπούλου, Σύμβουλος, Κωνσταντίνα Παναγιωτάκου, και Μέλη, Τούλα Αγγελοπούλου, Μαριάμ Αρσινού, Φιγγένεια Κουσούλου, Γιώτα Γκόφα, Δέσποινα Κόκαλη, Μαρία Μάυρς, Άννα Μουντάνου, Ελένη Νικητοπούλου, Ευστρατία Νούρη, Αναστασία Όμπεστερ, και Σωτηρία Σογότη.

Η ΓΕΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΝΕΛΕΥΣΗ ΕΚΛΕΓΕΙ ΟΝΟΜΑΣΤΙΚΗ ΕΠΙΤΡΟΠΗ, ΕΠΙΤΡΟΠΗ ΕΚΛΟΓΩΝ

Στις 21 Μαΐου η Γενική Συνέλευση των μελών του Καθηδρικού εξέλεξε επιτροπή που θα παρουσιάσει ονόματα υποψηφίων για το Κοινοτικό Συμβούλιο στη

Συνέλευση που θα κληθεί στις 19 Νοεμβρίου. Αυτή αποτελείται από την Άννα Μουντάνου, Πετρούλα Ντεστίν, Ελένη Μαρκαντώνη, Μαρία Γεωργίου και Ανέττα Τσαπάρη. Επίσης η Συνέλευση εξέλεξε επιτροπή που θα επιβλέπει τις εκλογές των 8 μελών του Κοινοτικού Συμβουλίου, που θα γίνουν στις 14 Δεκεμβρίου. Αυτή αποτελείται από τον Ανδρέα Βελισσαράτο, τον Θεόδωρο Λεβέντη, και τον Φίλιππα Τσαπάρη.

ΕΥΧΑΡΙΣΤΟΥΜΕ ΤΑ ΕΝΕΡΓΑ ΜΑΣ ΜΕΛΗ

Σε άλλο μέρος του παρόντος δελτίου θα δείτε ονόματα καινούργιων και άλλων μελών της κοινότητας που πρόσφατα υπόβαλαν την κάρτα του πλετς για το τρέχον έτος. Μαζί με αυτούς που υπόβαλαν την δήλωσή τους πριν, που τα ονόματά τους περιλαμβάνονται στα προηγούμενα δύο δελτία, αποτελούν τα ενεργά μέλη, μέχρι τώρα, για το έτος 2003. Η ενίσχυση της Κοινότητάς μας εξαρτάται από τα ενεργά μέλη. Γι' αυτό και τα ευχαριστούμε.

Σημειώνουμε ότι για κάποιο ανεξίτητο λόγο, δεν περιλήφθησαν τα ονόματα της Βάσως Παππά και της Βασιλικής Ξεπολέα, ενώ είχαν υποβάλει την κάρτα τους τον Ιανουάριο. Τες ευχαριστούμε ιδιαίτερος.

Ο ΣΕΠΤΕΜΒΡΙΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΤΟ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟ

Καταβάλλεται προσπάθεια ως προς την αναδιοργάνωση του Ελληνικού μας Σχολείου, περιλαμβανομένων του προσωπικού, των ημερών που θα γίνονται τα μαθήματα, του Συλλόγου Γονέων-Δασκάλων, των βιβλίων, του κόστους, κλπ. Ο σκοπός είναι να γραφτούν περισσότερα παιδιά στο Ελληνικό Σχολείο. Από τον Σεπτέμβριο, η διδασκαλία δεν θα γίνεται το Σάββατο, αλλά την Τρίτη, Τετάρτη, και Πέμπτη (ίσως και την Παρασκευή), 4-6 το απόγευμα.

Σχετική ανακοίνωση θα σταλή στους γονείς στις αρχές του Αυγούστου.

ONE-LINERS

We thought you might find some of these one-liners, thought-provoking and helpful.
Enjoy:

---Man's way leads to a hopeless end; God's way leads to an endless hope.

---A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.

---He who kneels before God can stand before anyone.

---Don't put a question mark where God puts a period.

---Are you wrinkled with burden? Come to the church for a face-lift.

--When praying, don't give God instructions; just report for duty.

--Don't wait for six strong men to take you to church.

--We don't change God's message; His message changes us.

--Warning: Exposure to the Son may prevent burning.

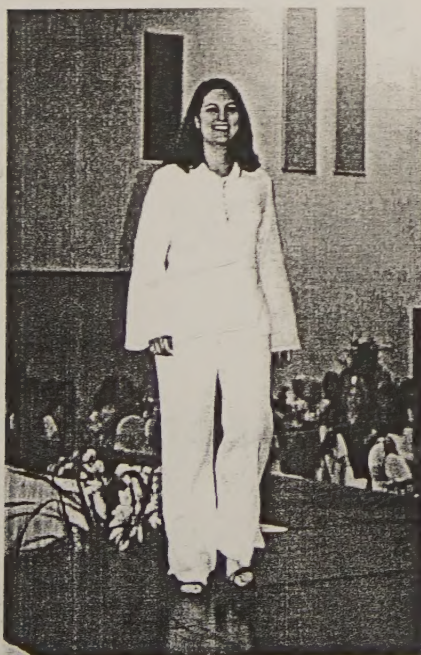
--Exercise daily--walk with the Lord.

--Never give the devil a ride; he will always want to drive.

--Nothing else ruins the truth like stretching it.

--Compassion is difficult to give away because it keeps coming back.

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON MEMORIES



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VACATION
THIS SUMMER -

IF YOU
STAY HOME -

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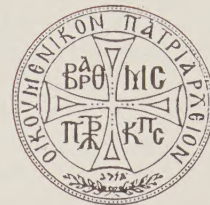
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ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL TO HONOR EFFIE & ANDREW VELLIS

By now, you have received a lovely invitation inviting you to join us on Sunday, September 7, for an appreciation luncheon in honor of **Effie and Andrew Vellis**. Whether it be the weekly coffee hours, whether it be the memorials, icons and religious books, the Church Boy Scout camping trips, service in the altar, especially as "angels," during Holy Week and Easter, or the 38 years Effie Vellis has taught Sunday School (have we forgotten anything?), this unique couple has touched the entire community with their dedicated service.

The luncheon will take place on this first day of Sunday School (most appropriate), following the Divine Liturgy. The donation is a modest \$15 for adults, \$10 for children. It would be especially meaningful to have present those who benefited from the many years of service of Effie and Andy, be it through scouting or through Sunday School. In fact, the reservation form which accompanied the invitation asked that students in Mrs. Vellis' class elect to be included on the Class Appreciation List. A second category of "sponsors" are the parents of children in Mrs. Vellis' first grade class. Or, a third category of "sponsors": those who were students of Mrs. Vellis and whose children are or have been students in Mrs. Vellis' class.

Please mail your reservation and support to: Annunciation Cathedral, 245 Valencia Street, San Francisco, CA 94103. There will be attended parking. Given our current parking situation (see below), we will nevertheless try to make do. In accordance with the Vellis' wishes, the proceeds from this luncheon will benefit the Annunciation Cathedral's Phase Two Building Fund. For further information, please contact our Sunday School Principal, Denise Yeilding at 415 585-5883.

PHIL CHIAPPARI NAMED FATHER OF THE YEAR

It was Father's Day, June 15, 2003. The Liturgy had just ended. The Pentecost prayers had been offered. The Philoptochos Board took their oath of office, as they embarked upon their service to the church for the next two years. Coffee hour got under way. Weary with the long service, we were just about half asleep. Then, suddenly, Phil's "bio" was read, and everyone applauded enthusiastically, wide awake that we all were by now, as Phil was proclaimed our 2003 Father of the Year, an honor most well-deserved.

Phil is a person who does not like to dress up, who is happier in working clothes, always looking forward to working on a project. Phil is a person who likes challenges, especially when these involve helping out or fixing something. Ask him anything, Phil seems to have an answer for it.

Phil was born in San Francisco, at St. Luke's Hospital, on September 25, 1933. His father was Italian; his mother, English and Irish. Phil and his brother, Robert, were raised in San Francisco's Excelsior District, where Phil attended and graduated from Balboa High School.

Afterwards, he served in the Navy. Following his military service, Phil began his career as a Brick Layer. Meanwhile, he also worked for Fuller Paint Company as a warehouse man. In addition, he worked for the City of San Mateo, performing a variety of jobs, from custodial work, to servicing police cars, to working in the maintenance and carpenter's shops, and finally to the Street Sign Shop.

While working at Fuller Paint, Phil met his wife, then a worker as a data entry operator. They had their first date in September of 1958. Phil wasted no time: he bought an engagement ring in October of 1958, and proceeded to ask her father for her hand in marriage. Those present recall that their wedding was very much like *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*. Phil was baptized in the Greek Orthodox Church in a large round pot, placed near the altar for the occasion. Annette's brother served as the Godfather. The wedding took place on June 14, 1959, with Father Meletios of blessed memory celebrating. The couple have just observed their 44th wedding anniversary. They have been blessed with four children: Katherine, Virginia, James and Christine; and seven grandchildren! And we, of course, have been blessed all these years with Phil.

Thank you, Phil. *Axios!*

STEWARDSHIP INVITES YOU TO JOIN OUR FALL CAMPAIGN

Join our Fall Campaign--Raise Money While you Shop!

As the Summer winds down and the kids get back to Sunday school, the Stewardship Committee and the Dance Group are gearing up for a fund raising campaign where Parishioners can raise money for the church almost every time they shop. Using a fund raising program called E-Script, you can register your credit, gas and merchant cards and a percentage of your purchase will automatically go to Annunciation Cathedral at no additional cost to you. This program has been used to raise thousands of dollars for School programs and local Charities over the past few years and we are excited to implement it at Annunciation to help fund the dance group and other core programs that are so dear to the life of our church.

Our Campaign

In the next few weeks you will be receiving information and forms in the mail outlining the program and telling you how to register. We will include merchant lists and registration forms along with any information that you might need. From there you have the option of registering yourself on-line or filling out the forms and returning them to us. We will also be available before and after services on September 14th and the 21st at an "E-Script Table" to help with forms and to answer any additional questions or concerns that you may have.

So as you pull out your fall and winter clothes next month, please remember to track down your credit and merchant cards as well. Whether you are buying airline tickets, purchasing family staples or simply shopping until you drop, you can feel good about the fact that a part of what you buy will be funding one of the greatest causes of all: our beloved Cathedral and our Christian way of life. We look forward to seeing you and thank you for your support.

ALL SYSTEMS ARE GO FOR ANNUNCIATION'S FOOD FESTIVAL: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Dear Friends,

Our Greek Food Festival 2003, *A Taste of Greece*, is upon us. This year's Festival will take place September 19, 20, and 21. In order to make this event even more successful, we need everyone's help. One way to help is to sponsor one of our food items. Of the list, which was mailed out in June, the following items are still available:

Moussaka	\$1,500
Bell Peppers	\$ 750
Pastitsio	\$1,500
Tiropites	\$ 975
Spanakopites	\$ 975
Green Beans	\$ 600
Souvlaki	\$4,500
Fish	\$2,300
Potatoes	\$ 850
Dolmathes	\$ 850
Skordalia	\$ 600
Lamb	\$1,500
Gyro	\$1,500
Sodas	\$ 500
Bottled Water	\$ 500
Beer	\$1,000
Wine	\$1,000

As mentioned in our June mailing, you, your company, organization, or family, will be given a complimentary full-page ad in our special "Underwriters Section" of this year's Festival Souvenir program book. In addition, you will be acknowledged throughout the duration of the Festival, and on the Cathedral's web site, www.annunciation.org. Please call **Tessie Obester**, or **Jim Dariotes**, Festival Co-Chairs, at 415 864-8000 by September 5, in order to be included in the Souvenir Book.

Another way to help is by volunteering during the Festival. We always need volunteers and we still need to fill in our gaps. Please take the time to complete your volunteer form, because we need your support.

In staying with our Greek traditions, this year's Festival, once again, promises to offer to all of you our signature food items, which are being prepared by a wonderful team of volunteers. This year we are adding a new item: our Greek-inspired *paidakia* (lamb chops). We will also have live Greek music by the renowned *Greek Compania*. Dance groups from all over the Bay Area will also perform.

We would like to publicly thank all those involved in the preparation of our food and pastry items. They have devoted many daytime and evening hours to accomplish this long and tedious task. We would also like

to thank our Souvenir Book Committee. As in past years, they have worked hard to produce a book reflective of our high standards, one you will continue to treasure for a long time to come. Needless to say, we thank those who have contributed the back and front covers, as well as the inside pages; your donations help provide significant financial help to the Festival and, through it, to the Annunciation Cathedral.

Finally, we encourage you to purchase the raffle tickets which were mailed to you over the summer. Offering, as it does, those coveted cash prizes, the Festival raffle is another important source of income. Therefore, we thank you for purchasing the tickets yourselves, or selling them to your neighbors and friends. If you need additional books, please do not hesitate to call the Cathedral, at 415 864-8000.

IOCC DINNER TO BE HELD

11/23: ARCHBISHOP DEMETRIOS TO SPEAK

The IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities) will be holding its *Remembering Home* Fund Raising Event at the Annunciation Cathedral on **Sunday, November 23**, beginning with Vespers at 5 p.m., and followed by a Silent Auction at 6 p.m. and Dinner at 7 p.m. This year's dinner (always a sell-out event) will be all the more special because **Archbishop Demetrios** will be the featured speaker. A renowned scholar, the Archbishop will speak on the topic of Missions and Evangelism. Look for flyers, which will be distributed by the Committee within our various parish organizations, as well as for additional information, which will be posted in the October and November issues of the Herald.

37th BIENNIAL CLERGY-LAITY CONGRESS TO CONVENE IN NEW YORK CITY JULY 25, 2004

His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios has announced that the 37th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress and National Philoptochos Convention of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America will convene next year in New York City, from July 25 to 29.

The Congress, which will be held at the New York Marriott Marquis, will have as its theme, "Building Communities of Faith and Love: Parishes in Worship and Ministry." Commenting on the theme and importance of the Congress, the Archbishop stated, "This Congress will provide a unique opportunity to assist all of our parishes throughout

America with the vital work that they do on a daily basis. All our resources will be focused on equipping the faithful to build their parishes through worship and ministry, through ways that strengthen faith and offer service to anyone in need so that they all may know the redeeming love of our Lord Jesus Christ."

The Archdiocesan Council, which will convene in New York September 26-27, will consider ways to implement the aims of the Clergy-Laity in 2004. One of these is a comprehensive educational program with over 50 workshops specializing in parish and family ministry. **Father Stephen Kyriacou**, our Parish Priest, serves on the Archdiocesan Council, as chair of the Archdiocese Benefits Committee.

RECENT SERVICES AT THE CATHEDRAL

BAPTISMS

Nikodemos Cruz, son of John Joseph Cornette and Daymi Lee Lembesi, was baptized on June 14. His Godmother is Kathleen Hazel Graphos.

Emmalia Andrea, daughter of Matthew Nicholas Razis and Patricia Ibarra, was baptized June 21. Her Godparents are Evdoxia K. Bettencourt and Anastasios Simotas.

Elli Joy, daughter of John Kimon Zambellis and Pamfilia Dakis, was baptized on August 3. Her Godparents are George and Dimetra Panagiotopoulos.

Alexis, daughter of Daniel Garcia and Patty Vlahakos, was baptized August 16. Her Godparent is George Vlahakos.

Stelios Haralambos, son of S. Christopher Kyriacou and Irene Fousekis, was baptized August 16. His Godparents are Tom and Joanna Papageorge and Robert and Annamarie Balian.

Na Mas Zisoun!

MARRIAGES

The marriage of Dustin Cory Novo and Chrisoula Nectaria Bissas was blessed on June 21. Their sponsor is Despina Tsampis.

The marriage of Andrew Dale Allen and Maria Anna Ossipoff was blessed on June 22. Their sponsor is Alexandra Kleinekorte.

The marriage of Ian Beneke Edmundson and Victoria Clare Monfried was blessed on July 12. Their sponsor is Andrea Monfried.

Na Mas Zisoun!

FUNERALS

Steven Karras, who fell asleep in the Lord on July 19, was buried July 24. Next of kin are his wife, Peggy Karras, and children.

May his memory be eternal!

FOCUS ON YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

September is, of course, the month of beginnings. As we all know, our Ecclesiastical Year begins on September 1st, which has been designated "A Day for the Protection of the Environment." Sunday School this year begins on September 7. Sunday School is a unique opportunity for our children to learn about our Faith, through projects, reading, and study, in addition to group worship at the Divine Liturgy. Therefore, we applaud the parents (in the case of the younger children), who see to it that their children come to Sunday School and that they come on time (Sunday School begins at 10:30 a.m. sharp). We also applaud the students (in the case of the older children) who choose to participate in Sunday School and to take an active role in the development of their faith through their relationship with Christ. Finally, we thank a group of dedicated volunteers, who commit Sunday after Sunday to teach our children. As Orthodox Christians, they know that we ourselves grow in the Faith by helping others also grow in the Faith. And, so, our vibrant and wonderful Sunday School is about to get under way. We invite you all to be a part of it.

NEED TO RECRUIT

Four (4) new Sunday School teachers and assistants are needed as we begin the 2003-2004 school year, which resumes September 7. Search within and see whether you have that special gift of teaching. Our precious children will benefit, as you will by teaching them the way of the Lord. Please call **Denise Yeilding** at 415 585-5883 or **Father Stephen** at the Cathedral at 415 864-8000.

GREEK SCHOOL BEGINS

September is also the month for the resumption of Greek School. For years, Greek School has been a

Saturday morning affair. Children would gather at 9:30 and would be taught to read, write, and speak Modern Greek until 12:30 p.m., with one or two breaks in between. In recent years, an adult class was added.

However, with Saturday sports, shopping, work and other demands on the schedules of both children and adults, a trial class was held on Wednesday evening last year. It was so successful, that parents, teachers, and students voted to change over to a weekday schedule. Therefore, Modern Greek will be taught as follows: Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, 4 to 6 p.m., for children in levels one and two; Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, 4 to 6 p.m., for children in levels three and four. Modern Greek for adults will be taught Tuesday evenings, 7 to 9 p.m.

Classes will begin Tuesday, September 16. Since the Cathedral pays the Greek School teachers, the Cathedral, in turn, needs to collect a modest tuition, as follows: \$200 for the first child, and \$150 for each of the other children of the same family. The adult tuition is \$200 per semester. For further information, please contact **Demetra Armenakis**, at 415 876-0536.

ST. NICHOLAS RANCH & RETREAT CENTER HOSTS YOUTH WORKER'S CONFERENCE

On September 19-21, St. Nicholas Ranch will host the first-ever west coast Youth Worker's Conference. This will be a Pan-Orthodox event under the sponsorship of SCOBA (Standing Conference of Orthodox Bishops in America). A similar conference has been held on the east coast at Antiochian Village for several years now, but this will be the first time a west coast conference has been held.

We would like to have a strong turnout for this event. It is believed that the conference, which will feature Fr. Dan Suci as keynote speaker, will be a very valuable and practical experience

for the youth workers of our Metropolis. Annunciation Cathedral's youth workers are, therefore, invited and encouraged to attend. Although the conference coincides with Annunciation's Festival, those who are not directly involved are urged to go to St. Nicholas. We all agree that whatever time is spent on our youth is a great investment for the future of our parish.

ANNUNCIATION SUMMER CAMP

Annunciation Cathedral's 4th Annual Family Camping Trip, held August 1-5, at the Casini Ranch Family Campground on the Russian River, was a great success. As in past years, campers and their families experienced the beauty and excitement of California's north coast at this camp site, nestled on the historic Russian River. Here, hiking, bicycling, volleyball, softball, horseshoes, crafts and fishing were enjoyed, as well as relaxation along the river in a canoe or by the beach.

For the first time since we have camped at the Casini Ranch Campground, **Father Stephen** was able to spend Saturday, August 2nd, with the children and their families. Although somewhat jetlagged, having just returned from Cyprus, by means of London and, earlier, Hawaii, he was able to spend the day and accompany them to Jenner, where the Russian River empties into the Pacific Ocean.

Thanks, of course, goes to **Ari Stratakis**, who organized the camp, and to the parents and campers who attended, making it a memorable experience. Needless to say, we look forward to our 5th Annual Family Camping Trip, same time, same place, 2005.

A little girl told her grandmother, "I behaved very well in church today. I even refused a big plate of money that the man offered me."

Annunciation
Cathedral
Calendar of Events

September 2003

A TASTE OF GREECE
FOOD FESTIVAL
September 19-21

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Labor Day	6:30 - Greek Dance		9 - Festival Prep - Kourambietes Mary Chicos	5-Festival Prep - Chickens Loula Vriheas	
10:30 Sunday School resumes 12:30 - Vellis Appreciation Luncheon	<u>BIRTH OF THE THEOTOKOS</u> 10 - Divine Liturgy	9 - Festival Prep - Baklava Kay George 6:30 - Greek Dance	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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28	29	† 30			<div>SUNDAY SCHEDULE:</div> 10:30 - SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 - DIVINE LITURGY 12:30 - GREEK BIBLE STUDY	

A GLIMPSE OF 2003 CAMPING



The Campers



The Moms



Arts and Crafts



Orthodox Church - Fort Ross



Tent Fun



Resting At The Fort



Ari - The Camp leader with campers



Yum - Yum!

Year after year, the White Elephant Booth is an important part of the revenue from our Festival. For as long as we remember, this booth is headed by **Charlotte Derdevanis**, who reminds us: "Festival time is near and I hope you have put aside your throw-away "treasures" for Charlotte's White Elephant booth - such as any knick-knacks, glassware, bowls, junk jewelry, kitchenware, silver, records, paperback books - no clothes, please. Also, any Christmas items for the Christmas Booth.

Please bring your items to the Cathedral the week of the Festival - but not before. That would be the week of September 15th. Thank You."

**THE CRITICAL
STATE OF PARKING**

To date, we have been fortunate when it came to parking. For one, San Francisco Toyota, which rented the parking lot behind the Cathedral, along Stevenson Street, used to permit us to use their lot on a space-available basis, at no cost. For another, we were able to park cars in the Armory, located at 14th and Mission Streets, during the Food Festival.

When San Francisco Toyota vacated, about a year ago, S & C Ford, which owns the lot, continued to permit us to park in the lot, but for a \$600 per diem charge. Therefore, we were able to accommodate about 120 additional cars. (Our own lot accommodates about 70 cars.)

Now, however, S & C has informed us they are using their lot for their own purposes; therefore, the lot is no longer available to us. This leaves us with only our own lot for parking. Undoubtedly, this limited parking places limitations on the number and the size of events we can hold in our facility. We can no longer hold two events simultaneously. We must also limit the size of the event we hold, whether it be in our chapel, the classrooms, or in the fellowship hall. We must, among other things, hold to a two-hour time lapse when scheduling sacraments, both to enable those leav-

ing the earlier sacrament to leave and to permit those coming for the next sacrament to park their cars.

At the same time, we are exploring other parking venues. For the Festival, for example, we are planning to run a shuttle service from Costco. Meanwhile, for our daily needs, we have investigated various Phase II options, which we shared with you in previous issues, earlier this year, of the Herald. We are generally agreed that, in order to proceed with building anything in Phase II, we have to be able to park 150 cars on site. This means three levels of parking below grade, if we build a church on what is now the parking lot, or three levels of below grade/above grade parking, if we elect to reconfigure the chapel. Meanwhile, we are also looking into acquiring contiguous parcels.

Until the parking situation is resolved, and it may take several years before it is resolved, we must ask for our parishioners' assistance and cooperation, including the utilization of car pooling, and parking within the white lines. If you are the first to park in the tandem parking places, pull all the way in. And, if you are the second to park in the tandem parking places, leave your key with the attendant or, at the very least, be conscious about moving your car as soon as church lets out, so as to permit the person in front of you the opportunity to pull out. Being sensitive to one another's needs will be very much appreciated by all.

**SOIL TESTING RESULTS
AWAITED**

Aldine/Globe Soil Engineers is the firm which the Cathedral has engaged, at a cost of \$3,800, to conduct the soils analysis and to prepare a Soil/Geotechnical Report for Phase II options, including laboratory testing to assess engineering and mechanical properties of soil samples, geotechnical engineering design guidelines for appropriate foundation and retaining wall types and depths, and recommendations for driveway and garage/arking designs.

The soils report, in other words, will tell us how far below grade

we may go to place a garage. In a word, it will dictate what kind of a structured we can build on the parking lot. Aldine/Globe have conducted the soils analysis and are in the process of compiling their report. The report will be available prior to the November Parish Assembly.

**PARISH ASSEMBLY TO BE
HELD NOVEMBER 19**

As reported in the June-July issue of the Herald, the second Parish Assembly for 2003 will be held on Wednesday, November 19. In addition to various financial reports, the Assembly will hear the report of the Nominating Committee, consisting of **Anne Mountanos, Pat Destein, Helen Markanton, Maria Georgiou and Annette Chiappari**, which will present a slate of candidates for Parish Council for 2004-2005. Parishioners will have the opportunity to vote for eight members, for a two-year term. The Board of Elections, which will prepare the ballots and oversee the elections, to be held December 14, is comprised of **Andrew Vellis, Ted Leventis, and Philip Chiappari**.

**ICONOGRAPHY IN WORD
AND IN PAINTING:
A SINGULAR EVENT**

Hosted by the Metropolis of San Francisco, this unique event will take place at the Annunciation Cathedral on Saturday, October 18, and will feature Distinguished Yale University Professor Jaroslav Pelican, author of many books, including *The Spirit of Eastern Christendom (600-1700)*.

In addition, there will be on display, for the first time, the unique iconographic works which were executed in Crete and which will be installed in the Katholikon (church) of the Monastery of the Theotokos, the Living Spring. Additional information will be posted in the October Herald, following a special mailing by the Metropolis to the Bay Area parishes. For further information, please call the Metropolis of San Francisco at 415 753-3075.

Father's Day Happenings



Phil Chiappari - "Father of the Year"



Philotochos Board takes Oath of Office

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Disco Fever

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to honor Senior Citizens

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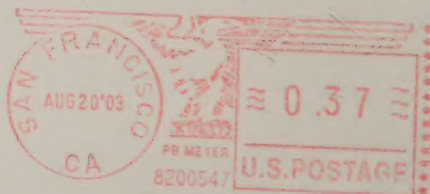
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